

**WHO IS JESUS?
REMEZ
ARE YOU THE ONE WHO WAS TO COME?**

I. A MASTERCLASS IN REMEZ ON BOTH SIDES – JOHN’S QUESTION AND JESUS’ ANSWER

In Luke 7, Jesus uses the Jewish technique, which we know is called Remez - Hebrew for hint or clue of a deeper meaning – a treasure found in Scripture.

We find John the Baptist in prison and his disciples telling him about all the things which Jesus is doing – healing the centurion’s servant, raising the widow’s dead son from the coffin, healing the sick, giving sight to the blind, healing the crippled so that they can walk, healing the deaf so they can hear, curing those troubled by evil spirits, with power coming from Him preaching the Good News.

A. JOHN’S QUESTION.

LUKE 7:18-21

Are you the One who is to come echoes messianic expectations from the prophets.

The signs from Isaiah that Jesus mentions function like hyperlinks.

Notice that John didn’t ask, “Are you the Messiah?” He asks “Are You the One who is Coming?”

B. JESUS’ ANSWER

LUKE 7:22-23

Now, Jesus uses the Remez. This is a massive Remez – a brilliant summary of multiple passages from Isaiah which reveal His identity.

Rather than directly stating His identity, Jesus quotes small portions of Isaiah, intentionally alluding to broader prophetic texts to prove He is the Messiah.

By deliberately combining these specific hints, Jesus tells John – “Look at the exact miracles the prophet said the Messiah would perform; I am fulfilling them right now.”

The prophecies which Jesus cites that He is fulfilling –

ISAIAH 35:5-6a – THEN WILL THE EYES OF THE BLIND BE OPENED AND THE EARS OF THE DEAF UNSTOPPED, THEN THE LAME WILL LEAP LIKE A DEER

ISAIAH 61:1a – THE SPIRIT OF THE SOVEREIGN LORD IS ON ME BECAUSE THE LORD HAS ANNOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOOD NEWS TO THE POOR

ISAIAH 29:18 – IN THAT DAY THE DEAF WILL HEAR THE WORDS OF THE SCROLL AND OUT OF THE GLOOM AND DARKNESS, THE EYES OF THE BLIND WILL SEE

ISAIAH 42:7a – TO OPEN EYES THAT ARE BLIND

Jesus is saying “Yes, I Am the One.”

C. A REMEZ WITHIN A REMEZ

John had already seen the Spirit descend like a dove and light upon Jesus and heard the voice from heaven.

He had announced Jesus as the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world.

His question was not so much about doubting the identity of Jesus but more about his future – would he be freed from prison?

Jesus' answer left out Isaiah's promises about captives being freed and released.

This silence itself is a Remez – an unspoken answer to John.

“Yes, I AM the One, but you will not be leaving your cell.”